

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-14 and 20-24 without traverse.

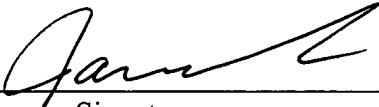
Claims 11-14 have been amended to a product-by-process form in response to the restriction requirement of the Office Action, but Applicant retains the right to present the original form of these claims in a divisional application.

Claims 15-19 have been cancelled as the result the restriction requirement of the Office Action, but applicant retains the right to present these claims in a divisional application.

Claims 25-33 have been added, but are fully supported by the application as filed. No new matter was added.

It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

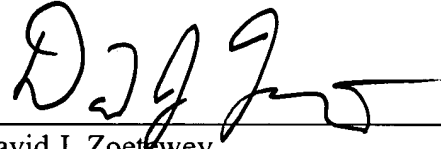
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